

committee prompted a return of pro-worker and pro-labor elected representatives at all levels of public life in Southern California.

His dedication to Union members and working families and advocacy of training and education for all propelled him to the leadership of the largest Teamsters Joint Council in 1998. This was followed by his election to Western Region Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. He was re-elected IBT Vice President in June, 2006.

More recently, Jim spearheaded the region's massive donation, mobilization and transportation of foodstuffs and necessities to the families of San Diego-based United States Marines deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan when it became known that welfare and food stamps were keeping families afloat.

Under his leadership, Teamster's Joint Council 42 inaugurated an annual scholarship program, created a computerized phone center for Union-to-member communications, and secured the award-winning Teamsters Joint Council 42 truck and trailer, which traverses the country for organizing and charity relief purposes.

He has also recently overseen the creation of the Teamsters Training Academy, a comprehensive training and upgrading facility to license commercial drivers.

Jim's commitment to the community has also led him to train for and join the city of El Monte Police Department as a reserve officer where he serves as a sergeant. In addition, Jim is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reserve officer.

Jim Santangelo has been an inspiration to working families throughout Southern California—and truly deserves the honor as "Labor Leader of the Year."

**CONGRATULATING PENNSYLVANIA
SENATOR CHARLES D. LEMMOND
AND MRS. BARBARA LEMMOND
FOR RECOGNITION RECEIVED
FROM THE SALVATION ARMY
FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my personal friends Senator Charles D. Lemmond and his wife, Barbara, who have been honored by the Salvation Army of the greater Wilkes-Barre area for their many years of community service.

Senator Lemmond has represented the 20th senatorial district in the Pennsylvania Senate since 1985 and is retiring at the end of this year. He is chairman of the Senate State Government Committee, Vice Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a member of the Senate Committees on Rules and Executive Nominations, Finance, and Military and Veterans Services.

A former Common Pleas Court judge in Luzerne County, Senator Lemmond is currently chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and he serves on the Joint Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and the Joint State Government Commission's Task Force

on Decedent's Estates. Senator Lemmond is also a member of the Reapportionment Task Force, the Elections Reform Task Force and the Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Legislatively, Senator Lemmond was the prime sponsor of a law providing judicial access to juvenile crime reports, a major anti-drug law aimed at imposing tougher punishments for repeat drug offenders, a law providing for the housing of state prisoners in federal prisons, and a law providing sentencing procedures for first-degree murder.

Senator Lemmond has also been instrumental in the passage of voter registration and election reform laws and, most recently, a law requiring hearing screening for all infants born in the Commonwealth. He has also sponsored numerous initiatives relating to government ethics, charitable organizations, tourist promotion, agriculture preservation, natural resource conservation and industrial site clean up.

A past potentate of Irem Temple, he is a 33rd degree Mason, a trustee of the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church, an advisory board member of the Salvation Army, a life member of the board of trustee of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School and an advisory board member of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

Senator Lemmond is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He also served overseas in the U.S. Army of Occupation.

Barbara Northrup Lemmond is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and she attended Skidmore and Elmira Colleges. During a career spanning 37 years, she served as secretary to the Luzerne County Register of Wills, was a nursery school teacher for B'nai B'rith, co-owned Project 40, a handcraft and antique shop, served as office manager to a local physician as well as secretary for the Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre campus.

Mrs. Lemmond's dedication to the enhancement and well-being of the northeastern Pennsylvania community extends beyond her business acumen. She serves as a member of the board of directors for Wesley Village and the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association. She is an active volunteer for the Back Mountain Memorial Library and has been a driver for Meals on Wheels for more than 30 years, which is still a part of her weekly routine.

Mrs. Lemmond has served as past secretary, vice president, and board member for the Back Mountain Memorial Library, as well as a board member and president of Meals on Wheels. She has also served as a board member and president of the Luzerne County Library Systems, and a teacher at First United Methodist Church School in Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Lemmond has also been a volunteer for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Planned Parenthood of Luzerne County, the Swetland Home, and a member of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

On a personal note, my wife Nancy and I have known Charlie and Barbara for many, many years, since Charlie and I were young lawyers in the Luzerne County bar. Although we are members of different political parties, Charlie and I have always been friends and have been able to work together to serve Northeastern Pennsylvania. His thoughtful and dedicated service to our region and the Commonwealth will be greatly missed, and I wish

him and Barbara all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Senator and Mrs. Lemmond on this joyous occasion. Together, they have contributed greatly to improving the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania through their selflessness and love of community.

MARY A. BAIN: A NATIONAL
TREASURE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, last month, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois mourned the loss of a dedicated and extraordinary public servant. Mary Anderson Bain brought her many talents, a firmly-rooted commitment to the New Deal principles of expanding opportunities to all, and a deep love of the arts to a career that has enriched our Nation.

Mary Bain is known by many of us from her long service with Representative Sid Yates, and she was one of the first women chiefs of staff when she accepted that position in 1975. Mrs. Bain was gracious and charming, but she was also politically-savvy and focused when it came to contributing to the well-being of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois and promoting the interests that she and Representative Yates shared. The two of them were a finely-tuned team who, together, were able to do great things.

In 2003, Mary Bain received the Heritage Defender Award, an award that recognized her many achievements: helping to create a cultural heritage grants program for the National Park Service and a conservation program at the Institute of Library and Museum Services and to ensure funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery, and the Kennedy Center.

At the awards ceremony, Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI said, "Not only did Mary Bain save national treasures, she is a national treasure."

Mrs. Bain served the Nation but she started her public service in Illinois, first as a junior high school English teacher and later as the Illinois administrator of the National Youth Administration, a depression-era New Deal initiative. She was one of the youngest and one of the few women leaders. Part of the Works Progress Administration, the NYA provided young men and women with small work study payments so that they could afford to get an education. It provided an opportunity for a generation of young people who would otherwise have lost hope and their chance for a better future.

Mary Bain followed two guiding principles throughout her life. One was the belief that publicly-accountable government could make a positive difference in people's lives, whether it is in preserving the environment, providing education opportunities and financial security or expanding our cultural life. She was proud to be a liberal and made no bones about it.

The second was her commitment to sharing what she had learned from her decades of public service with others. There are many

people in Washington and Illinois who were mentored by Mary Bain—staff, House members, activists and advocates. I will always be grateful for her generosity in helping me when I was elected to succeed Representative Yates.

And, like so many others, I will always be grateful for her lifetime of accomplishments.

A VERMONT LESSON IN HOW TO EXPORT TO THE WORLD

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, this year the Small Business Administration selected Robert Johnson of Omega Optical, in Brattleboro, Vermont, as Vermont's Small Business Exporter of the Year. His story, and the company's story, has much to tell us about how the United States can remain competitive in a global economy, and how we can create new manufacturing jobs through innovation and foresight.

Omega Optical began in 1968—in a garage. Since then, it has grown into a \$13 million company that employs over 140 employees. Omega Optical makes, and has always made, filters for optical instruments.

Robert Johnson did not set out to make a less costly filter, or a slight improvement on a previous filter. Instead, he committed himself and Omega Optical to doing research in optical thin-films, which can be used to control the flow of light. In particular, their research focused on fluorescence, the light emitted from objects illuminated by a very energetic light.

The filters that Omega Optical developed have played a major role in the burgeoning of biological science in our day. Let me cite a passage from Vennont: An Illustrated History by John Duffy and Vincent Feeney: "The sciences of fluorescence microscopy and flow cytometry, which allow for the visualization of cellular structures and the sorting and analysis of cells, were made possible by design and manufacturing developments invented at Omega. These advances set the state-of-the-art and allowed Omega not only to define the science, but for many years capture the entire market worldwide."

Omega's filters are used in not only cellular biology, but also in astronomy and in clinical medicine. Whether scientists look at the enormous spatial universe around us, or the microscopic secrets of genetics and bodily functioning, they use filters not just made, but developed, by Omega Optical.

What has made Omega so successful, in both manufacturing and the export of manufactured products? A stress on research and long-range development, not just the immediate pursuit of profit; a commitment to moving into new areas and inventing new products; and a dedicated workforce. For clearly Omega Optical shows that American workers, just like American product developers, are the best in the world, and can and do make the best and most competitive products. And by creating a 'green' production facility, their 'Delta Campus,' the company has shown that safeguarding the environment can be a major piece of a business agenda.

If we as a Nation think about research and the long-term, as Omega Optical has done,

and if we boldly build on our strengths and the capability of our workers, we can move confidently into our future.

RECOGNIZES RYAN SEADER OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ryan Seader of West Palm Beach, Florida, an Army Private First Class soldier currently serving in Iraq.

Following his education at community college and prior to enlisting in the National Guard, Private Seader used his natural ability to fix things to start a profession in the construction field, specializing in restoring old homes.

Enlisting in the National Guard in January 2004 as a mechanic in the construction field, Private Seader was trained to work with water pumps. Following his activation, he was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey and cross trained to serve as a prison guard.

Private Seader is currently serving in company 652 while deployed in Iraq. His Company is stationed at the Abu Ghraib Prison where he is a part of the team working to demolish the facility.

While on a recent leave, Private Seader was presented with an American flag that had been flown in his honor. Ryan is a proud soldier-demonstrating his dedication to his country and the war on terror.

Private Seader's parents are also committed to helping fight the global war on terror. Mary and Rick Seader live in invernness and work to educate their local community on the need to defend the American ideal and to never give into cowardly acts by terrorists like the September 11, 2001 attack on our homeland.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Ryan Seader who volunteer to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear to their hearts. While brave men and women like Ryan serve in the name of freedom and liberty, his Family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO BOONTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boonton Fire Department, in the Town of Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey, a patriotic community that I am proud to represent. On Saturday, September 2, 2006 the good people of the Town of Boonton celebrated the Fire Company's 115th Anniversary with their annual parade and carnival.

For 115 years, the Boonton Fire Department has been protecting and serving the residents of their community and nearby towns. Featuring five companies, each with their own unique and vibrant history, this Fire Department embodies the ideas of brotherly love and

teamwork for the betterment of their communities.

Currently, the fire department, led by Fire Chief Pete Herbert, is made up entirely of volunteers, who live in or around the Town of Boonton. They are men and women who "volunteer their time to protect and educate the residents of Boonton."

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the volunteers of the Boonton Fire Department on celebrating 115 years of a rich history in the protection of one of New Jersey's finest municipalities.

IN RECOGNITION OF RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rising Star Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas on its 75th Anniversary.

The church's modest beginning began on September 13, 1931 in a local diner, when Reverend Smith Cary and a small number of members organized Rising Star Church. The church has seen the leadership of many dynamic ministers including, Reverend Smith Cary, Reverend T.H. Davis, and its present pastor, Reverend Ralph W. Emerson, Jr.

The stated vision of the Church is to be "the Worship Center that seeks to reclaim lost souls, reshape lives, rejoice in love, react to the Holy Spirit while responding to God's call". Rising Star Baptist church has exemplified their vision through growth to a congregation of over 2,500 members and progressing into a multi-ministry church. Rising Star Baptist Church continues to be an influential presence and respected contributor to the Fort Worth community and greater Tarrant County citizenry.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Rising Star Baptist Church on their 75th anniversary and praise their dedication and service to the people of Fort Worth, Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, not only for furthering the work of the National Bar Association, providing social and professional interaction among minority attorneys but also for their work improving the protection of political and civil rights of all citizens.

Since its inception the Association has played a role in the community providing opportunities to students in its administration on scholarships, and has also awarded and recognized local leaders in the area for their hard work and diligent efforts.

The MBA is an organization that has grown to over one hundred members from diverse ethnic backgrounds and practices across